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December 18, 1986

Mr. Mark Potts
Enforcement Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1201 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas 75270

Re: South Cavalcade
Deep Monitoring Well

Dear Mr. Potts:

It is our understanding that Koppers Company has recently proposed a new location for the deep monitoring well to be installed to evaluate the lower (180' - 200') aquifer below the suspected creosote plume. Regarding the location of the well, the Texas Water Commission does not have a preference, however, due to the problems encountered during the initial installation attempt, the Texas Water Commission strongly recommends that Koppers Company utilizes the drilling services of a highly experienced drilling company and experienced drilling crew. The chances of carrying contaminants to the lower aquifer during installation is greatly reduced when utilizing people experienced in hazardous waste type installations.

Please pass this recommendation to Koppers Company. The potential liabilities associated with a poorly installed monitoring well in this case are too great for anything but a properly installed well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe H. Brown".

Joe H. Brown
Remedial Investigation Unit
Superfund Section
Hazardous and Solid Waste Division

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